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キオ&フラウが贈る、天使達の新感覚バトル&テイル第3巻!! 天使界に戻ったキオたち。そして物語はキオとフラウの幼少期編へ! キオの左手の秘密もついに明かされ…!? 描下し番外編『天使界のキオ』4頁もお見逃しなく。

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△キオ Kio
AN ANGEL. HE TAKES CARE OF MANIFIS.
HE HAS WINGS THE COLOR OF THE SUN.
HE'S GOT A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.
フラウ Fraw △
ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS.
HE'S KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND EXCELS IN HEALING TECHNIQUES.

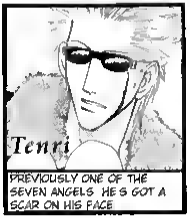
*THE ANGELS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES. IN THE ANGELS' WORLD, THE HIERARCHY GOES LIKE THIS: ARCHANGELS, THE SEVEN ANGELS, OFFICERS, AND ANGELS. AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT MISSIONS.
*THE 'ANGEL' KIO'S JOB IS TO FREE HUMAN SOULS FROM MANIFIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, FRAW, HAD AIMED TO BE ONE OF THE SEVEN IN ORDER TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO HELP KIO. BUT HE KEPT THIS A SECRET FROM KIO.
*AFTER A FIGHT AGAINST MANIFIS, THEY BOTH WENT BACK TO THE ANGELS' WORLD TO HEAL KIO'S INJURIES. BUT...

MANIFIS EVIL SPIRITS THAT POSSESS PART OF A DECEASED SOUL OR A LIVING UMAN

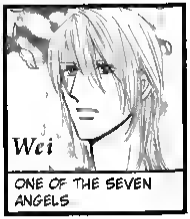
READ VOLUME 1 TO KNOW MORE!

STORY & CASTS

HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS



PREVIOUSLY ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HE'S GOT A SCAR ON HIS FACE.



ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS

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THERE ARE THINGS I CAN DO FOR YOU, AND ONLY FOR YOU.
THERE CERTAINLY ARE, SO...
DON'T GIVE UP.

Wah!
WHAT'S THAT COLOR!
THAT'S AN UNUSUAL WING COLOR.
WHO'S HE?
HE'S NOT ONE WE SEE A LOT, IS HE?
IT'S KIO.
HE'S A REGULAR ANGEL WHO GETS RID OF MANIFIS ON EARTH.

BONUS

Don't walk around without straightening your clothes there's such a thing as dignity
Yes, yes
That's for sure
MOREOVER, TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO THAT LORD LOREIN SO FRANKLY IS QUITE OUTSTANDING BY ITSELF.
Eh? Really?
HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT, HE CAN USE AWFULLY ADVANCED TECHNIQUES.

LORD FRAW IS ALWAYS HELPING HIM OUT.
EHH...!? LORD FRAW FROM THE SEVEN ANGELS!?
IT'S SAID THAT HE HAS AN OLD DEBT TO HIM.
Hiya!
HE STARTED WORKING A LONG TIME AGO NOW, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS NUMEROUS FAILURES HE WAS NEVER PROMOTED TO AN OFFICER
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S SHAMEFUL THAT HE DIDN'T COME BACK TO THE ANGELS' WORLD FOR A LONG TIME
THAT, ERR... KIO GUY...? IS HE THAT USELESS?
LIKE I SAID, HE'S MAKING LORD FRAW WORRY TOO MUCH!
Is that so?
HE'S STAYING HERE FOR NOW TO GET HIS WING MENDED.
BUT SEE, HE'S NOT BEING VERY OBEDIENT, WALKING OUTSIDE LIKE THAT.
Flap
See ya!

slide
slide
Ah!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
IGNORE
IS IT TRUE WHAT THEY JUST SAID.
FAIRIES ARE KNOWN FOR SPREADING GOSSIP, BUT ALSO FOR LYING A LOT.
Flap
Eh
DO THEY... HATE ME?
EXCUSE ME!
?
?
SINCE YOU'RE INJURED, SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING?

IF YOU KEEP DOING THAT, IT'LL BE A BOTHER TO LORD FRAW...!
AH YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THANK YOU.
MUST BE AN ANGEL FROM THE ADVANCED CLASS
YOU SHOULD STOP RELYING ON LORD FRAW SO MUCH!
IT'S TRUE. YOU SHOULDN'T GET HELP FROM ONE OF THE SEVEN!
Huh!?
EH!?
A nuisance for Frau.
AM I 200% THE BAD GUY?
HEY, WAIT, IS THIS MY REPUTATION HERE!?

NO, YOU SEE WELL...
NAH... THEY ONLY KNOW HIM IN HIS ROLE AS "FRAW OF THE SEVEN".
THEY WOULD NEVER BELIEVE ME EVEN IF I TOLD THEM THE TRUTH!
Kiooooo Don't you ever leave me behind again!
Sh
AH!
AHH IT'S OKAY, I CAN BE THE BAD GUY
I UNDER-STAND, I'LL BEHAVE
FWSH
Eh?

ap
Kio.
I told you to stay put until I got back.
I'm alright aside from my wing, so I thought a little walk'd be okay.
Your wing's trailing.
He can't retract them during the treatment.
Wak!
Lord Fraw...
Ah

AH!
This is bad!
I... I BEG...
IT'LL MAKE MY REPUTATION EVEN WORSE!!
...YOUR PARDON, LORD.. FRAW.
IF YOU MOVE ABOUT UNREASONABLY, IT WILL TAKE LONGER TO HEAL
I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY TO STAY STILL
I ASKED YOU TO BEHAVE FOR 3 DAYS, AND IT'S ONLY BEEN ONE DAY
3 days...
REALLY?
THAT'S WHY I WAS WORRIED ABOUT LEAVING YOU ALONE

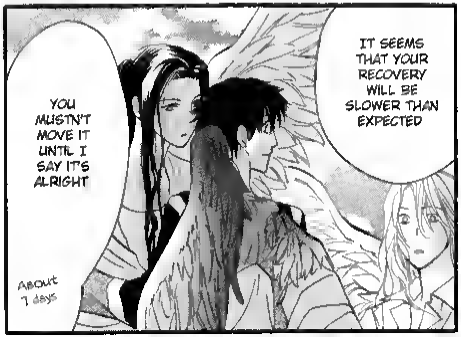
See
HE'S MAKING OTHERS WORRY ON PURPOSE
YEAH
And I wanted to ask him if I could use my bike.
I'LL GO. I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE, THEN.
And I'm holding my wand.
See ya
YES!
HAVE YOU FOUND THE PLANTS FOR YOUR ASSIGN-MENT?
PL PLEASE EXCUSE US!
Flap
Flap
...
YOU'RE FROM WEI'S CLASS, AREN'T YOU?
"Praw of the Seven" Mode

JUST NOW WASN'T HE REALLY SCARY...?
Lori Craw
HE'S ANGRY WITH KIO
HE'S A REAL NUIS-ANCE
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT, I CAN'T GET HIM TO STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I WOULDN'T GIVE IN TO HIS DEMANDS TO ALWAYS FOLLOW ME
BUT IF PEOPLE SAY BAD THINGS ABOUT ME, THEN SOMEDAY THEY WILL ABOUT HIM TOO
UWA!?
SWISH

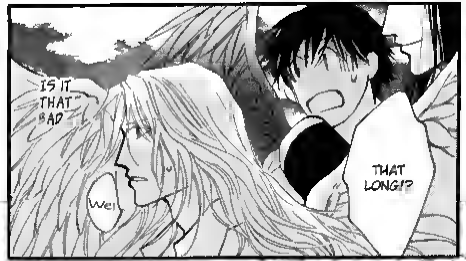
FRAW?!
Wait! Put me down!
Hey!
DON'T...
...EH?
DON'T... EVER CALL ME "LORD" AGAIN...
AND STOP... BEING SO POLITE
FRAW?

DON'T ADD EVEN MORE DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
I... IN FRONT OF YOU, I'M A SIMPLE ANGEL
PLEASE ALWAYS TALK TO ME LIKE YOU DID UNTIL NOW.
I KNOW
EVEN IF YOUR APPEARANCE CHANGED, INSIDE YOU'RE STILL THE SAME AS BEFORE
YEP... SORRY, I WON'T DO IT AGAIN
YES
HE NEVER WANTED TO BE SEPARATED FROM ME BACK THEN
"Other angels would never believe it-fraud" mode
WE FOUND YOU.
EH?
Fwsh

WHEN WE ALL WENT "HOME" YOU WEREN'T THERE
THOUGH REALLY WE DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BEHAVE
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YA THERE'S NO WAY HE'D BE THERE
YOU LOOK HEALTHY, THAT'S GOOD.
AND BY GOING OUT ON YOUR OWN, YOU WERE BOUND TO MAKE FRAW ANGRY.
MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAN'T BE HELPED, SINCE YOU HARDLY EVER COME BACK TO THE ANGELS WORLD.
AH, I KNEW IT. SOMEONE SAID SOMETHING TO YOU.
THEY ENVY YA.
With Fraw Sam so popular.
Err
AND NOW I'M GONNA BE SEEN AS A NUISANCE FOR EVERY ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS...
Even if I am grateful
A GATHERING OF THE SEVEN ANGELS!? (+ a former one)


IT SEEMS THAT YOUR RECOVERY WILL BE SLOWER THAN EXPECTED
YOU MUSTN'T MOVE IT UNTIL I SAY IT'S ALRIGHT
About 7 days

.IT'S STILL NOT GOOD


IS IT THAT "BAD"
Wel
THAT LONG!?

It's because of this that it's hard to come back, you know

Don't keep him to yourself, Lorein
You'll stay with me all that time then?
Shush
JUST A THREAT
HE WORKED TOO MUCH, SO WE HAVE TO LET HIM REST HERE.

If you've had enough of it, just behave already
IT'S ALRIGHT, KIO
WHEN THE OTHER ANGELS SEE WHAT A STRONG AND GENTLE ANGEL YOU ARE,
THEY WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU FOR SURE

SHOW IT TO ME.
EH, W
KIO...? IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG WITH YOUR HAND?
NO... IT'S NO-THING
EH!
DIDN'T THE MARKINGS CHANGE A LITTLE?
YOU NOTICED !?
I DID.
THE COLOR HAS DARKENED A BIT, TOO

IT'S FROM BEFORE, AFTER THE GUY WHO USED DEAN AS BAIT APPEARED
DOES IT HURT?
NO... IT ONLY HURT AT THE VERY BEGINNING
I SEE
DOESN'T IT GROSS YOU OUT?
WHY SHOULD IT?
IT'S YOUR HAND
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO IT,
THE HAND OF MY BELOVED KIO.

KIO, HANG ON!
KIO!
I'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU ONE DAY FOR SURE...
I'LL BECOME STRONG SO THAT I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU, KIO.
I KNOW THE DAY WHEN SOMETHING CHANGED INSIDE FRAU.

THAT DAY...
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY IT CAME TO ME.
IS A BLANK IN MY MEMORY WHAT HAPPENED THEN?
LET'S GO BACK TO THE TIME WHEN KIO AND THE OTHERS WERE ALL YOUNG ANGELS
STARTING TODAY YOU'LL ALL BEGIN STUDYING FOR YOUR FUTURE JOBS

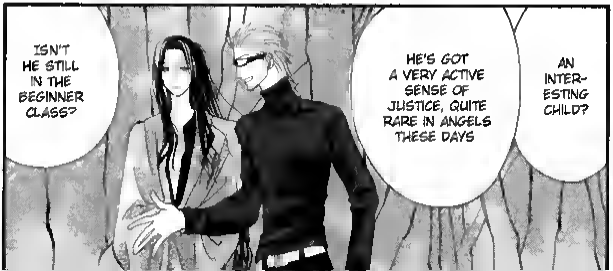
TO ACHIEVE THIS, THERE ARE 3 LEVELS OF CLASSES.
THE BEGINNER CLASS IS THE ONE YOU ARE ALL GOING TO ENTER NEXT. YOU WILL LEARN THE BASIS FOR THE FEATHER TECHNIQUES AND THINGS CONCERNING YOUR EVERYDAY LIVES
FOLLOWING THAT, YOU WILL ENTER THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS. THERE, YOU WILL STUDY YOUR SPECIALTIES IN SEPARATED SECTIONS
WHEN YOU BECOME STUDENTS OF THE ADVANCED CLASS YOU WILL BE INSTRUCTED INDIVIDUALLY.
AND FINALLY YOU WILL BE GIVEN DUTIES
Wah, sounds tough.
MOREOVER, EVEN IF YOU ALL START AT THE SAME LEVEL,
THE TIME YOU WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDY IN EACH CLASS IS QUITE LONG
IT MAY HAPPEN THAT SOME WILL TAKE LONGER THAN OTHERS TO GRADUATE.

Ah!
Yes
Yes
SO WE'RE GOING OUTSIDE?
HOWEVER,
EVERYONE IS GIVEN DUTIES WITHOUT FAIL AT THE END.
IT'S FINE TO GO SLOWLY, SO DO NOT GIVE UP.
Wah!
THAT'S RIGHT
Yeah
THE SKY MUST BE REALLY HIGH TOO
WE'VE ONLY SEEN IT IN PICTURES, BUT IT MUST BE PRETTY BIG, RIGHT?
Squeeze

FRAW?
IT'S... IT'S SCARY OUTSIDE IT'S FULL OF TALL ANGELS
Well let's go...
Ki Kio
IT'S BIG, SO... YOU'RE NOT GONNA LEAVE?
FRAW,
IF WE HOLD HANDS...
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT
I'LL HOLD YOUR HAND
UNTIL YOU'RE NOT AFRAID ANYMORE
Okay!
Grip

OUTSIDE..
I'M SURE THERE WILL BE THINGS MORE FUN THAN IN THIS ROOM
Great

IT'S SO PRETTY OUTSIDE, ISN'T IT?
YEAH, AND THE WIND FEELS SO GOOD


AN INTER-ESTING CHILD?
HE'S GOT A VERY ACTIVE SENSE OF JUSTICE, QUITE RARE IN ANGELS THESE DAYS
ISN'T HE STILL IN THE BEGINNER CLASS?

I TOLD YOU IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
YOU WERE AIMING AT US WHEN WE WERE FLYING!
WAIT, WE WERE ONLY TRAINING WITH OUR FEATHER TECHNIQUES
I TOLD YOU TO APOLOGIZE!
HERE HE IS— AH..
THEY HURT LYS WITH A FEATHER TECHNIQUE
HAS THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS DONE SOMETHING AGAIN?
IF YOU'D HAVE MADE A MISTAKE, HER WINGS COULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN
HOW BAD SHE'S HURT ISN'T THE PROBLEM
YEAH, YEAH
KIO KEEPS GETTING ANGRY, BUT IT'S USELESS
KIO . I'M ALRIGHT, SO...

SWEAR YOU WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
BUT REALLY, SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DODGE SUCH A THING
YEAH, SORRY, I APOLOGIZE ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
WAIT!
WE ALREADY APOLOGIZED DON'T PUSH IT
THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO
WAIT, TENRI
Just a little more.
Eh? You sure?
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO USE FEATHER TECHNIQUES IF YOU CAN LAUGH AFTER INJURING ANOTHER ANGEL!
You Brat

DO YOU WANT ME TO BURN YOUR WINGS?
<SFX: FLARE>
<SFX: PUHH?>
SSSttttt

THAT...
IS WHAT I ASKED YOU NOT TO DO AGAIN.
HEY, I JUST WANTED TO SCARE YOU.
What's with this kid?
W... WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU GUYS.
Let's go.
Kio
Flap
I'M ALRIGHT, SEE
clench
It's awful
I TOLD YOU NOT TO ACT WORSE THAN THE INJURED GUY

Lets go to the Medical Building
That was awesome Kio
Wah! It's all red!
Ouch!
NOW I SEE WHAT YOU WERE SAYING, TENRI
IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW HE GROWS UP.
KIO... EH?
OOOOWWW~~~!
Shock
Medical Building
Ssst
THIS IS THE QUICKEST
LORD WEI, DON'T YOU HAVE A MORE GENTLE TREATM...

3
2
1
COUNT TO 10.
9...
8...
AAH ...!
IS .. ISN'T IT OVER YET!?
THEN BEAR WITH IT, PLEASE.
I DID, BUT ...!
GUUUU
YOU YOURSELF ASKED FOR "THE QUICKEST TREATMENT"
SSSS
BAM
BAM
SEE, IT'S OVER.
It's healed
YOU ARE...
AN UNUSUAL ANGEL

I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT
EH
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF BEING HURT?
TO GET INJURED LIKE THAT FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS
MY TEACHERS ALWAYS WARN ME ABOUT THAT
IT'S BECAUSE I DO THINGS BEFORE THINKING ABOUT THEM
YOU'RE A NICE BOY.
WHEN YOU INFLICT AN INJURY ON SOMEONE, HE WILL SUFFER AS MUCH
NEVER FORGET THAT PAIN.

Drip
Drip
LOOKS LIKE THE TREATMENT'S OVER
Rub
BEFORE KIO COMES OUT, YOU SHOULD DO SOMETHING 'BOUT THAT...
Fwip

KIO!
HE'S AS MUCH A WORRIER AS KIO IS RECKLESS
HE BARELY EVER TALKS TO ANYONE BESIDE KIO
...
NOPE, WE HAVE TO GO
BUT, KIO
FRAW! WHAT ABOUT CLASS!?
THEN PLEASE DON'T GET HURT
THAT'S ONE INSTANCE
EH...! YOU'RE GOING TO GET HURT AGAIN?
FRAW, YOU HAVE TO GO TO CLASS EVEN WHEN I'M NOT AROUND

I CAN'T KEEP QUIET.
EVER SINCE THE TEACHERS GAVE THEM A WARNING, THEY'VE BEEN HARASSING US EVEN MORE.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
THEN DON'T TAKE IT UP.
THEY STARTED IT!
PLEASE DON'T PICK QUARRELS WITH THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS STUDENTS.
NO CLASSES FOR YOU TODAY.
KIO, ARE YOU ALRIGHT...?
Nooooooo...
HE'S JUST GOT A FEVER, YOU CAN GO

FRAW, HERE...
Fraw Let's go
WE'LL BE GOING, THEN...
GO.
IT'D BE GOOD IF HE'D GOT STRONGER THANKS TO IT, BUT...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'LL BE SEPARATED FOR A WHOLE DAY...
sigh

THAT'S KIO'S FEATHER. ITS COLOR IS A LITTLE UNUSUAL, ISN'T IT?
clatter
clatter
IT'S OKAY, I WON'T TAKE IT.
Feather Maniac
IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU COULD TALK TO PEOPLE BESIDES KIO.
HE SEEMS PERFECTLY ALRIGHT BY HIMSELF.
IT'S TRUE!
EEH?
WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE, FRAW'S SCARY.
IT'S QUITE THE DISCOVERY.

Ah!
FRAW HASN'T FINISHED TODAY'S ASSIGNMENT AND HAD TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL...
WAS NOT!
WHAT, YOU WERE MORE LONELY THAN HIM?
Hmm
I'M SURPRISED...?
SOMEHOW
What of my worries
EHH..
THAT'S A GOOD THING, BUT
FRAW'S THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T FINISHED?
WELL, HERE IS YOUR HOMEWORK EVERYONE, WE'LL STOP HERE FOR TODAY
Thank you!
YOU WERE TOO WORRIED ABOUT KIO TO DO IT, RIGHT?
GO AHEAD AND GO HOME.

FWSH
AH!
AREN'T YOU THAT CHEEKY ANGEL'S BUDDY FROM LAST TIME?
LET'S GO, FRAW.
...sack.
THAT GUY'S NOT HERE TODAY?
GIVE... THE FEATHER BACK.
FRAW!?
HERE'S ANOTHER IMPERTI-NENT ONE

IF YOU WANT THE FEATHER BACK,
I'LL GIVE IT BACK TIMES TWO!
KIO!

Fraw!
THEY SAID THEY WOULD JUST GIVE THE FEATHER BACK, SO .
THIS PRANK HAS GONE TOO FAR
GO CALL LOREIN
YES
WE'LL MOVE HIM TO A MEDICAL BED
MY... FEATHER ...?
LORD WEI, FRAW IS..
HE'S ALRIGHT, HE'S NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED

Clench
FRAW...
IT'S SCARY.
LORD LORBIN'S GOING TO DO SOMETHING.
EH? KIO?
HE MUST HAVE GONE WITH FRAW
EH! WASN'T HE STILL FEVERISH..?
THAT WAS BAD.
I MADE A MISTAKE ADJUSTING MY STRENGTH.
BUT TO BLAST HIM LIKE THAT...

HEY!
WH... WHAT?
DID YOU COME JUST TO TELL US TO APOLOGIZE AGAIN?
WHO DID IT?
IT WAS... ME.
I CHALLENGE YOU.

AH?
ONE-ON-ONE, AND WHATEVER YOU DECIDE
IF I WIN,
SWEAR YOU WON'T HURT US AGAIN!
HA
Hahahaha
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
OUR LEVELS AREN'T EVEN COMPARABLE
WHAT'S THAT!
THAT'S JUST USELESS
DOES A ONE-ON-ONE SCARE YOU?
Jolt

AH?
IF YOU THINK I'M TOO STRONG FOR YOU,
YOU COULD GIVE ME A HANDICAP
SIR 7IG OF THE INTERME-DIATE CLASS.
...YOU ...
SEX SNAP
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TALK LIKE THAT, I ACCEPT
AND YOUR HANDICAP WILL BE NO FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
AND EVEN IF YOU COME APOLOGIZING AND CRYING, I WON'T HELP YOU

THE CHALLENGE IS.
TO GO TO THE RED MOUNTAIN. . ALSO KNOWN AS THE MOUNTAIN OF FLAMES. GET ONE FRUIT OF THE LATOYA TREE FROM THERE AND COME BACK HERE.
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR WINGS OVER THERE BECAUSE OF THE HEAT.
THE FIRST ONE WHO COMES BACK WINS.

◆ ASTERISK 6 / END ◆

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GO!

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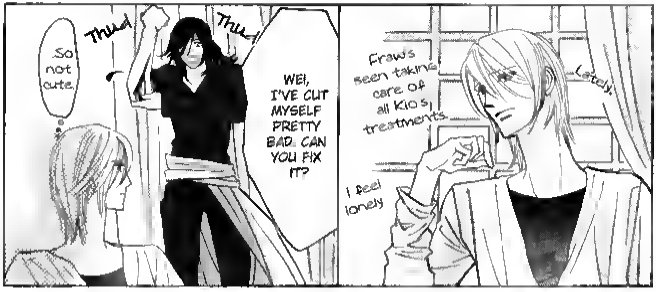

Thud
Thud
So not cute
WEI, I'VE CUT MYSELF PRETTY BAD. CAN YOU FIX IT?
Fraw's seen taking care of all Kio's treatments
Lately
I feel lonely

KIO'S SUCH AN IDIOT.
I USE FIRE FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
I'M MORE RESISTANT TO HEAT THAN NORMAL ANGELS.
LET'S JUST ENJOY HIS FRUSTRATED FACE FOR NOW.
WHAT SHOULD I MAKE HIM DO AFTER I'VE WON?
THE RED MOUNTAIN. I'VE NEVER GONE PAST THIS POINT
IS IT REALLY DANGEROUS?
I ENTERED IT ONCE AND IT'S JUST REALLY "HOT".

But the trees are hot too
VARIETIES OF PLANTS AND TREES THAT CAN BEAR THE HEAT GROW UP WELL ENOUGH
IT EVEN BECOMES PAINFUL TO BREATHE
THE MORE YOU CLIMB, THE HOTTER IT GETS
IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FEET, YOU CAN GET BURNED
THE SOIL IS TERRIBLY HOT AT PLACES
When you try with just one feather it catches fire at once
YOUR WINGS WILL BURN
BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STRONG RESISTANCE TO HEAT,
CHILL
WELL IF HE'S JUST GOING HALFWAY EVEN AN ANGEL FROM THE BEGINNER CLASS SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT
Haa
Haa

TIG, I HEARD A STRANGE SOUND.
THE LATOYA TREES ARE STILL A BIT FARTHER.
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO GIVE UP NOW?!

WHAT'S THAT SOUND...?
Hey!
BOOM
FWSH

I'VE COME SEVERAL TIMES TO PICK FRUIT FROM THE TREES.
BUT THE ATMOSPHERE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

I WAS WAITING BECAUSE YOU'RE SO SLOW.
BUT I WON'T WAIT ANY MORE.
WAIT, TIG!

LET'S GO BACK, TIG
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE WITH THE MOUNTAIN...
Shaaa

BOOM
KSHK THUD
WHAT...? / STEAM BLASTED OUT OF THE GROUND...?!
SHH~
SHH~
SEE, I TOLD YOU WE SHOULD GO BACK
IT'S SUPER HOT!
TIG, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

Boom!
TIG!
Bubble
WAIT, WAS THAT— A VERTICAL SPRAY?
Fwsshh
IDIOT! THAT'S NOT NORMAL
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT. ?
WE SHOULD GO CALL FOR HELP!
Let's split!

HEY...
HEY, KIO!
ARE YOUR FEET ALL RIGHT?
YEAH...
THEN GO WITHOUT ME AND CALL FOR HELP.
YOUR FEET... THEY ARE INJURED?
MY SOLES HURT. I CAN'T WALK ANYMORE
BUT, IF YOU STAY HERE LONGER...
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO HURRY AND GO FOR HELP!
I'LL CARRY YOU.
Huh!?
WITH A FEATHER TECHNIQUE
SWSH
YOU CAN ONLY CARRY SMALL WEIGHTS, RIGHT?
It's impossible for someone at the beginner's level after all!

Boom
Flutter
Boom
Hey?!
ARE YOU GOING TO CARRY ME ON YOUR SHOULDERS!?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING
SHUT UP!

TENRI,
THE RED MOUNTAIN IS ODD.
LOOKS LIKE IT'S BLOWING OFF STEAM.
It's been a while since I saw that.
Huh?
WHO'S THAT SHOUTING?
THAT'S... LUKE FROM THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS
GOT IT. THE FIVE TREES ENTRANCE, IS IT?
EVEN THOUGH WE TOLD YOU NOT TO ENTER IT.
Sorry.
Boom

I'LL LOWER THE HEAT ON YOUR PATH FOR A FEW MINUTES. CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THEM, GREG?
DO IT
THE SPRAYS ARE INTENSE THERE.
YEAH, I CAN SEE THEM TOO.
I CAN SEE THEIR LIGHTS, THEY'RE BOTH SAFE.
WHOOSH

(SFX: SWOOSH)
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THE RED MOUNTAIN IN THIS STATE
THE TEMPERATURE HAS DROPPED BUT IT'S STILL HOT

Huh?
Float
A PUPPET FEATHER?
Ssst
Ssst

QUICK...
TIG HAS... FAINTED...
KIO...

HE USED HIS WINGS IN THE RED MOUNTAIN ...?!
AND HIS WINGS WEREN'T INJURED AT ALL.
HE DIDN'T KNOW HIMSELF ABOUT IT UNTIL THEN
YOU CAN REACH SUCH A DEGREE OF RESISTANCE BY TRAINING. BUT ISN'T HE STILL IN THE BEGINNERS CLASS?
STILL, IN THAT HEAT, HE SENT A PUPPET FEATHER TO CALL FOR HELP WHILE CARRYING SOMEONE BIGGER THAN HIM ON HIS SHOULDERS TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE SOIL'S HEAT.
And all that with a fever, he's quite the guy
TENRI
IT'S OKAY IF I INSTRUCT HIM WHEN HE REACHES THE ADVANCED CLASS, RIGHT?
I WANT TO BE THE ONE TEACHING HIM.
ASIDE FROM THAT, THE WAY THE RED MOUNTAIN BEHAVED ...
RIGHT

IT MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY THE DISTORTED ECOSYSTEM ON EARTH.
KIO'S INJURED AGAIN?
MEDICAL BUILDING
HE JUST WENT OUT WHEN HE WAS STILL FEVERISH
KIO
WHO TOLD YOU YOU COULD GO OUTSIDE?
TUG
ZWOOW-RRYY. (Sorry.)
IT'S BETTER NOT TO HEAL YOUR BURNS FORCEFULLY.
SO THIS TIME YOU'D BETTER REST.
OK.

KIO... WAS SICK?
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN QUITE A SHOCK, HE HASN'T WOKEN UP YET
HIS INJURIES ARE HEALED
YES... LORD WEI, HOW'S FRAW?
WERE YOU THAT UPSET ABOUT FRAW?
AND YOU WERE ABLE TO CLIMB THE RED MOUNTAIN LIKE THAT
Glare
ERR... IS IT OKAY IF I GO SEE FRAW...?
SURE he's in the recovery room
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
WELL, TIG,
LET'S TAKE CARE OF YOU
KIO,
LET US HANDLE THIS MATTER.
You should go to sleep now.
OKAY...

THE FASTEST TREATMENT IT IS
ALL RIGHT
THOSE ARE AWFUL. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAL THEM QUICKLY?
YES, THE FASTER THE BETTER
(SEXINGYAAAAAA?)
AH...
Again?!
That hurts doesn't it?
Gaaah
LORD WEI, WAI...WAIT...

Kio shouldn't you go to sleep?
I will as soon as I've seen Fraw
SORRY FRAW.
I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AFTER ALL
KIO
FRAW, DOES IT HURT?
NAH ...
KIO... THIS...
IT GAVE ME A LOT OF STRENGTH!
IT'D BE GOOD IF IT DIDN'T LEAVE A DEEP WOUND IN HIS HEART, BUT
AH

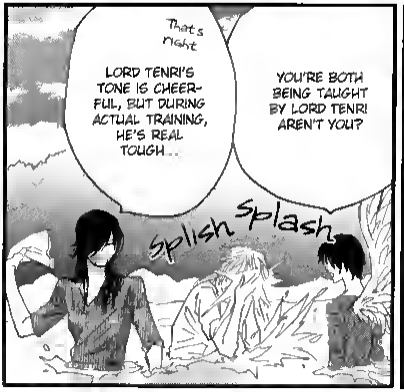
I... I FACED THOSE GUYS FROM THE INTER-MEDIATE CLASS!
AND I TOOK IT BACK!
IT GOT TATTERED, THOUGH,
YOUR FEATH-ER...
YEAH.
THAT'S GREAT, FRAW
YOU DID WELL
YOU DID VERY WELL
IN TRUTH, FRAW IS
Yep
STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT
He—y!

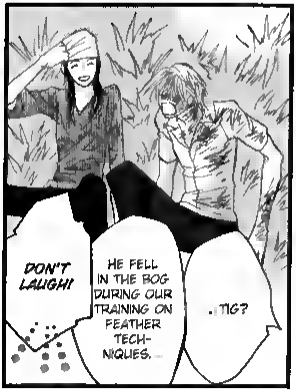
SORRY FOR EVERYTHING.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FULL RECOVERY
THEY'VE BEEN MAKING US DO PUNISHMENTS SINCE THEN.
Rustle
THAT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER PUNISHMENT.
HOW CAN WE TRUST YOU?
LOOK. WE SAID WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN.

I'M SORRY!
PLEASE FOR-GIVE ME!!
Tic
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
I SWEAR IT! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
CAN WE FORGIVE HIM, FRAW?
YEAH

NOTHING GOOD EVER COMES FROM TWO ANGELS HATING ONE ANOTHER.
WE SHOULD HELP EACH OTHER.
YEAH
HA HA.
LORD WEI'S "FAST TREATMENT" HURTS, DOESN'T IT?
IF YOU KNEW ABOUT IT, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME
Haa ha ha
THIS FLOWER'S THE ONLY ONE NOT OPENING
EVEN THOUGH A FAINT LIGHT CAN BE SENSED FROM INSIDE
EVERY OTHER FLOWER HAS OPENED?
YES, AND THE NEWBORN ARE ALL HEALTHY

THEN, A FEW YEARS LATER
HEY, KIO.
WE WILL WAIT AND OBSERVE IT A BIT LONGER.
YES.


That's right
LORD TENRI'S TONE IS CHEERFUL, BUT DURING ACTUAL TRAINING, HE'S REAL TOUGH...
YOU'RE BOTH BEING TAUGHT BY LORD TENRI AREN'T YOU?
Splish Splash


DON'T LAUGH!
HE FELL IN THE BOG DURING OUR TRAINING ON FEATHER TECHNIQUES.
..TIG?

KIO, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IN THE ADVANCED CLASS YET?
...WHAT I'M GOING TO
I WONDER WHY, EACH TIME I MEET LORD LOKEIN,
"PLEASE ENTER MY CLASS."
...HE SAYS THAT, BUT...
Hmm
HE DOESN'T SAY THAT TO OTHERS WHY?!
I'VE HEARD THE MANIFIS ARE MULTIPLYING ON EARTH
YOU'RE GOING TO BE ON MANIFIS DUTY?
Ouch
YEAH, IT LOOKS LIKE A DANGEROUS JOB. SO LORD TENRI'S TEACHING US FIERCELY
Oooh, you did grow up, Tig
Shut up!
MANIFIS DUTY...?

KIO, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
BATH-ING
THEN I'LL ALSO ...
YOU HADN'T FINISHED YOUR ASSIGN-MENT, FRAW
BUT...
BEFORE, YOU ALWAYS STAYED WITH ME UNTIL I COULD DO THEM.
I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO TOO, YOU KNOW.
WELL, DID YOU FINISH IT?
...IT'S MY HOME-WORK
Now
I'VE ALREADY DONE 8 OF THEM
Hmm
IT'S OKAY TO DO IT AT YOUR OWN PACE
FRAW
Err, Um...
EVEN IF I'M NOT THERE...
YOU KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTIES ON YOUR OWN SOMEDAY.

Flap
YES!
SHALL WE DO THEM TOGETHER?
Your exercises
Are you going away?
Even if you're not there?
NEVERMIND IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE ANYMORE WHEN WE GET TO THE ADVANCED CLASS
I'M STILL TOO SOFT ON FRAN
IT'S NOT.
IT'S THE SAME COLOR AS YOURS
NOT JUST NOW, THEY ALWAYS HAVE THAT BEAUTIFUL COLOR
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE JUST WASHED THEM.
YOUR WINGS ARE REALLY PRETTY, KIO

ONLY KIO'S HAVE THAT WARM COLOR
THE FEATHERS VARY ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF ANGEL YOU ARE
KIO AND FRAW, IS IT
GOOD MORNING, MS LUCIL
DID THE FLOWERS OPEN?
NOT YET
IT SHOULD NOT BE LONG NOW.
CAN WE WATCH FOR A WHILE?
PLEASE DO
KIO COMES EVERY DAY.
HE SAID HE WANTED TO SEE THE MOMENT ANGELS ARE BORN
WHAT IS IT?
WELL I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING
ABOUT FRAW

EXPLANATIONS
ANGELS ARE BORN FROM THE FLOWERS IN THIS ROOM.
EVEN WHEN THE FLOWERS OPEN, THE NEWBORN ANGELS GO ON SLEEPING
THEY OPEN THEIR EYES AFTER A WHILE AND THEN NURSES TAKE THEM TO ANOTHER ROOM
THERE THEY PUT THEM IN HOT WATER TO WARM THEM
IT TAKES AROUND ONE MONTH FOR ALL THE FLOWERS TO OPEN AND THE NEWBORN TO OPEN THEIR EYES
DURING THIS TIME THE NURSES ARE ALL VERY BUSY
THE DAY WHEN KIO AND FRAW WERE BORN, A LOT OF ANGELS HAD OPENED THEIR EYES AT THE SAME TIME.
The rest of the flowers have just opened, so they won't wake up for a while.
They look cold let's put them in the water quickly
Lean
Lean
...
POP

Shiver
glow
THE ANGELS WHO HAVE JUST OPENED THEIR EYES CAN'T REGULATE THEIR BODY TEMPERATURE,
AND IT GETS VERY LOW
Shiver
Shiver
Fwsh
Zzzzz
Flap Flap

SORRY, YOU MUST HAVE BEEN COLD
HE WOKE UP
HEY, OVER THERE~.
Warm
HERE, COME
Hug~
GOOD MORNING, KIO, FRAW
GOOD MORNING, LADY MARY
THEY'RE GOING TO OPEN SOON, I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY IT
YES.
Naaaaah.
COULD IT BE OUR FAULT THAT FRAW ALWAYS WANTS TO BE NEAR KIO ..?
IT'S FRAW'S OWN WILL

IT'D BE NICE IF THIS CHILD COULD COME OUT SOON TOO.
?
IT DIDN'T OPEN AT THE LAST BIRTHING TIME.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED.
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE AFRAID. SO YOU SHOULD COME OUT.
WAH!
IT... IT MOVED!
YOUR WORDS REACHED HIM.
THAT'S RIGHT.
MAYBE HE'S AFRAID.
Rustle

POP
POP
POP
POP
KIO
EH?
GWAH!
IT'S WONDER-FUL.
YEAH.

EVEN THOUGH WE WERE BORN THERE TOO, WE CAN'T REMEMBER IT AT ALL
YEAH
THEY SAID WE SHOULDN'T COME FOR A WHILE, SINCE IT WOULD DISTURB THE NEWBORN
I see
IT WAS SOOO BEAUTIFUL!!
Aw, you're so lucky
SHOULDN'T YOU BECOME A NURSE THERE, KIO?
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT
IT'S TRUE IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT DUTY
Kio could do it too
Rustle
I WANT TO TRY IT

BLACK CLOUDS?!
KIO?
...FRAW, CLOUDS LIKE THOSE APPEAR ON EARTH, RIGHT?
EH?
<SFX: SPLASH>
RAIN?!
RAIN IN THE ANGELS WORLD!
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I'M GOING OUT FOR A WHILE
THAT'S ...RAIN?
AS I FEARED... DID "THEY" MANAGE TO ENTER THE ANGELS WORLD?
KIO? WHERE TO?!
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE BIRTHING BUILDING

THE SKY'S DARKEN-ING...
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO NIGHT IN THE ANGELS WORLD.
THE BUILDING'S ROOF HAS BEEN TORN AWAY.
SOME-THING DARK RED?
AND WITH A SHAPE WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE
IT CAME IN SUD-DENLY,
AND IT TOOK ONE OF THE NEWBORN WHO HADN'T OPENED HIS EYES YET.
EH...?

AND I, NORTH
I'LL GO EAST
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT SEARCHING IN THIS RAIN
COULD IT BE THE NEWBORN FROM THE "FLOWER THAT HADN'T OPENED"?
Then you go West
Lord Ten'ri we'll look for it too
MARY TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE
I GOT IT. WE'LL LOOK FOR HIM
OKAY
KIO?
THE FLOWER THAT HADN'T OPENED
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE AFRAID, SO YOU SHOULD COME OUT
IT KIDNAPPED THAT ONE?!

KIO!
FRAW
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
I'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR IT!
EH?
HE WAS FINALLY BORN.
YET SOMEONE DID THAT...!
<SFX: SLITHER>
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Slither
EH?
WHAT IS THIS...? I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S SOMETHING AROUND THERE,
BUT I SENSE A WEIRD PRESENCE...
IT'S MOVING REALLY FAST
COULD IT BE

KIO'S FOUND IT?
IT'S A GOOD THING I STUCK A PUPPET FEATHER TO HIM.
He's blown quite far, too
WHAT ?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO THAT CHILD?
WHAT IS THAT... DARK RED THING?
NEWBORN ANGELS ARE REALLY WEAK, LET GO OF HIM!!
HE OPENED HIS EYES.
Ah!
SWISH

WAIT!
Eeee
Yank
LET... HIM GO, DAMN YOU!
Eeee
GOOD, FRAW KEEP A HOLD ON IT!
Yank
Eeeeee
Yank

Flap
(SFX YANK)
YOU CAN LET GO, FRAW! LET'S FLY AWAY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO A WARMER PLACE

WHAT WAS THAT THING?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT FELT BAD.
Sister
<SFX: BURST>

WHY IS IT TARGETING THIS KID?!
WHAT IS THAT THING?
KIO!
IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU'LL SE
<SFX: GRIND>
Aaaa!...
<SFX: GRIND>

I WILL NEVER ...
LET YOU HAVE THIS CHILD...!
...DA... DAMN
GRIP

BOOM
!
WH... WHERE DID IT GO...?
WHERE IS IT?
THE ANGEL ... DISAP-PEARED?!
KIO!
Y. YOU—?
WHERE IS IT?
WHERE?

Klump
LEAVE IT TO ME!
Slither
Slither
Slither
Rustle
Rustle

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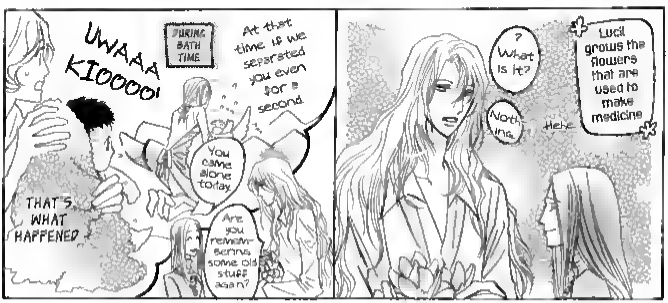
AND . WHY DID THEY TARGET THAT NEWBORN ANGEL?
HOW DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT GET INTO THE ANGELS WORLD?
ARE SAID TO POSSESS PARTS OF DEAD HUMAN SOULS THAT WERE LEFT BEHIND AND USE THEM TO DO EVIL .
. THE MANIFIS...

BONUS


UWAAA KIOOOO!
DURING BATH TIME
At that time if we separated you even for a second
You came alone today
Are you reinvigorating some old stuff again?
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED .
? What is it?
Nothing
Hehe
Lucil grows the flowers that are used to make medicine

...KIO!
FRAW
HANG IN THERE!
.KIO!
WHERE DID HE VANISH OFF TO?
THAT NEWBORN... I'M CERTAIN I HAD HIM IN MY ARMS JUST NOW
DON'T CRY.
I'M ALL RIGHT.
I'M ALL RIGHT
THE RAIN STOPPED
AH
Thank God the clouds have cleared away

LORD LOREIN
WHAT WAS THAT R IN JUST NOW...?
EVEN THE SUN WANTS TO REST ONCE IN A WHILE
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT
BUT IT SURPRISED YOU, RIGHT?
YEAH WELL, I'VE GOT TO DRY ALL THE PAPERS
That's hard on you eh Koruma
LOREIN
IS KIO ALL RIGHT?
HIS WINGS ARE BROKEN IN SEVERAL PLACES,
AND HIS BODY HAS CONSUMED UP ALL ITS ENERGY

HE GOT THE NEWBORN BACK, DIDN'T HE?
BUT IT DISAP-PEARED.
...LOOK, WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
LOREIN, YOU MUST KNOW THE TRUTH, RIGHT?
WHY DID THE MANIFIS TAKE ONLY THAT NEWBORN?
IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED, I WASN'T GOING TO TELL YOU

THAT NEWBORN IS ZEHTA'S HALF.
ZEHTA ...?!
THAT ZEHTA?!

A LONG TIME AGO, THERE WAS A HUMAN WHO COMMITTED GRAVE SINS.
THIS HUMAN WAS BORN, FOR AN UNKNOWN REASON, WITH TWO SOULS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR TWIN BROTHERS
ONE SOUL AWOKE WHEN THE SUN ROSE,
AND ANOTHER ROUSED WITH THE SINKING SUN
WHEN HE TURNED 10,
HIS PARENTS, WHO HAD NOTICED HIS STRANGE-NESS, DIED A VIOLENT DEATH
AFTER THAT, STRANGE INCIDENTS KEPT OCCURRING ONE AFTER ANOTHER AROUND HIM

THE YOUNG MAN GREW UP TO BE A GENTLE PERSON AND GAINED THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM
IN THOSE DAYS, AMONG THE HUMANS THERE STILL EXISTED SEVERAL RACES POSSESSING UNIQUE MAGICAL POWERS.
HOWEVER,
WHEN NIGHT FELL, HE WOULD COMPLETELY CHANGE INTO A MAN FILLED WITH MADNESS
MANY CASES WERE DETERMINED TO BE ACCIDENTS
BECAUSE THOSE POWERS WERE INGRAINED IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES.
IT WAS THE SAME FACE HE HAD THE NIGHT HE KILLED HIS OWN PARENTS
WHO SNEERED AS HE COMMITTED EVERY SIN IN THE BOOK.
A MAN WITH STRONG MAGICAL POWERS.

WHEN STRANGE THINGS HAPPENED, NO ONE WOULD SUSPECT HIM
IN TRUTH, EVEN THE GENTLE BOY HIMSELF WASN'T AWARE OF THE OTHER FACE HE SHOWED AT NIGHT.
AND WHEN HE FINALLY REALIZED IT, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE.
INTO THE PRISON FOR THE SOULS WHO CAN'T BE REIN-CAR-NATED.
HE THREW HIMSELF, ALONG WITH THIS OTHER SOUL.
BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE PEOPLE SUFFER ANY LONGER.

The Soul Prison
THE SOULS WHO FALL THERE MUST STAY IMPRISONED FOR A TIME PROPORTIONATE TO THE WEIGHT OF THE SINS FROM THEIR PREVIOUS LIFE
THEY MUST STAY THERE UNABLE TO BE REINCARNATED FOR AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS
WHEN THIS TIME PASSES,
THE SOULS MUST PASS A VERY DIFFICULT TEST TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY DESERVE TO BE REBORN AS A HUMAN
THEY CAN'T LEAVE THE PRISON UNTIL THEY PASS
THIS MAN BEARING TWO SOULS
WAS NAMED ZEHTA AND HE STAYED TOGETHER WITH HIS GENTLE SOUL IN THIS JAIL
FOR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS
IN ORDER TO KEEP THE EVIL SOUL IMPRISONED, THE GENTLE SOUL KEPT ITSELF STUBBORNLY HIDDEN

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF SOUL WINDS UP THERE, THIS PRISON IS NOT AN ENJOYABLE PLACE
IN ORDER TO GET OUT OF IT, ONE NEEDS THE POWER OF ENRA *
...AND THUS, THE SOULS WENT ON RAGING THERE FOR SO LONG THAT THEY STARTED TO TEAR THE BALANCE OF THAT WORLD APART, LITTLE BY LITTLE
*THE KING MANAGING THE PRISON.
AND THIS IS HOW, SOMETIMES, A "PATH" TOWARDS THE EARTH WOULD APPEAR.
THEN DARK RED SOULS WOULD ARRIVE ON EARTH.
THAT IS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF MANFIS.

THERE WERE OTHER PROBLEMS ON EARTH THAT MADE THE BALANCE CRUMBLE, TOO.
IT WAS DECIDED TO KEEP IT A MYSTERY, SINCE SOME ANGELS MIGHT HESITATE TO EXTERMINATE THEM IF THEY KNEW THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES
I KNEW THAT ZEHTA, THE ONE WHO HAD STAYED THERE THE LONGEST, HAD ESCAPED
BUT WHEN YOU SAY HIS HALF, YOU CAN'T MEAN...
BY LEAVING THE PRISON, ZEHTA REGAINED HIS POWER...
NO. HE HAD BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL.
AND THEN HE APPARENTLY FOUND A WAY TO OPEN "PATHS".

WHEN FINALLY ...
THE TWO SOULS SEPARATED.
LET ME CONTINUE THE STORY
Doesn't Enma have a serious problem?
IS THAT WHY THE NUMBER OF MANIFIS SUDDENLY JUMPED?
..THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF THAT
AT THAT RATE, THE EARTH WOULD HAVE BEEN IN TERRIBLE DANGER.
BUT THE GENTLE SOUL INSIDE HIM WOULD KEEP TRYING TO STOP HIM.
AND AS A RESULT, ZEHTA'S POWERS STARTED TO DECLINE RAPIDLY
WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH, THE OTHER GENTLE SOUL FLED
AND WHEN HE CAME TO HIS SENSES, HE FOUND THAT HE HAD WANDERED INTO THE ANGELS WORLD

HE BEGGED ME TO HIDE HIM SOMEWHERE.
I FOUND THAT SOUL AND LISTENED TO HIS STORY.
WAS THAT WHY THE RED MOUNTAIN GOT SO WILD BACK THEN?
BY ACCIDENT.
HE HAD OPENED A "PATH" TO THE RED MOUNTAIN?!
...ZEHTA THEN MADE A "PATH" FOR THE MANIFIS?
YES. THE "PATH" HAS ALREADY BEEN CLOSED, BUT ...
...HOWEVER, WHEN THE TIME WAS NEAR, HE REMEMBERED HIS PAST AND DISAPPEARED AGAIN.
AT THAT TIME, I ALLOWED HIM TO BE REBORN AS AN ANGEL, ON THE CONDITION THAT HE'D FORGET EVERYTHING.
BY DOING SO, IT WOULD BECOME IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM AND ZEHTA TO BE REUNITED ONCE AGAIN

ZEHTA HAD FINALLY FOUND HIS OTHER HALF.
AND USED A MANIFIS TO BRING IT OVER.
I FOUND HIM.
BUT THEN... WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT HALF?
HE COULDN'T HAVE DISAPPEARED... SO WHERE DID HE GO?
THERE'S A FAINT LIGHT INSIDE KIO THAT'S SEPARATE FROM HIS OWN
INSIDE KIO?!

KIO WILL PROTECT HIM.
THAT'S WHAT HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT.
...THAT'S WHY I'VE FELT THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
IT EVEN TOOK ME A WHILE TO UNDER-STAND IT
THE MANIFIS SHOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED
THAT HE WAS BORN JUST AFTER KIO CALLED OUT TO HIM.
DIDN'T MARY SAY IT?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT...
HE FOUND A CLEVER WAY TO HIDE...
AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO AFFECT KIO'S BODY, EITHER
LOREIN?
What's with that serious look all of a sudden?

...
EH?!
THIS...

HE'S OKAY. HE'S JUST BEEN MOVED TO A MEDICAL BED.
KIO'S ..
YOU CRY WAY TOO MUCH.
I CAN'T SEE HIM... FOR THREE DAYS ..?
HE WILL SLEEP THERE AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO WAKE UP IN THREE DAYS
FRAW, LET'S TALK FOR A BIT
IT CAN'T BE...
KIO IS ...?!
FRAW.

FOR INSTANCE, EVEN IF HE MET SOMEONE STRONGER THAN HIM, HE'D STILL FACE HIM.
YOU DO KNOW THAT... CONSIDERING KIO'S PERSONALITY, HE'LL KEEP GETTING DRAGGED INTO LOTS OF THINGS
HE'LL GET STRONGER FAST, AND THEN HE'LL FACE GUYS EVEN MORE POWERFUL.
BUT DOING THAT, HE'LL BECOME STRONGER HIMSELF.
DO YOU WANT TO BE DOING THE SAME THING AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE? JUST STICKING CLOSE TO HIM AND WORRYING?
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE DOING, FRAW?
WHEN THAT TIME COMES,

I WANT TO HELP HIM.
EH?
...P HIM.
ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO FROM NOW ON.
THEN, YOU SHOULD TRY TO THINK HARD...

HE'LL FACE PEOPLE EVEN STRONGER THAN HIM.
SOMEDAY, YOU'LL HAVE TO FULFILL YOUR DUTIES ON YOUR OWN...
THE THINGS I CAN DO FOR HIM.
FOR KIO, WHO'S ALWAYS BEING RECKLESS.
FOR KIO, WHO KEEPS GETTING INJURED FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.
OKAY
YOU MUST NOT RETRACT YOUR WINGS UNTIL THE BONES HAVE HEALED.

Throb
ouch.
DOES YOUR HAND... HURT?
I HOPE NEXT TIME HE'LL BE ABLE TO BE BORN AND GROW UP SAFELY
SO YOU SEE. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT
THAT NEWBORN GOT WEAK BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, AND HE WENT BACK INSIDE A FLOWER.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU PROTECTED HIM THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO BE BORN AGAIN.
WHAT'S THIS...?
THIS IS...
A PARTICULAR KIND OF BRUISE.
EH?!
IT'S AN EXTREMELY RARE BRUISE. IT WILL SLOWLY SPREAD, BUT IT'S NOTHING DANGEROUS.

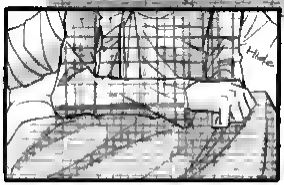
AH . THANK YOU VERY MUCH
SEE YOU LATER, KIO.
YOU CAN SEE HIM AT LAST

IT FEELS KINDA CREEPY
Looks like a drawing
HEY, FRAW

MAYBE BECAUSE YOU CAME INTO CONTACT WITH A MANIFIS
EH?!
WHY'D IT JUST ...

AH
LOOK— I'VE MADE MY DECISION

YOU CAN'T MOVE FOR A WHILE, RIGHT?
NO...
I'LL KEEP IT QUIET
HE'LL WORRY MORE IF I SHOW HIM THAT BRUISE


HUH?

FRAW! SEE, I'M ALREADY OKAY
YEAH, I'M RELIEVED THAT YOU LOOK SO GOOD
DOES IT HURT ..?
NOPE, NOT AT ALL

SO I'VE DECIDED TO BE ON MANIFIS DUTY.
IF SOME-THING LIKE THAT HAPPENS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE, I WANT TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT HIM.
THEY SAID IT WASN'T MY FAULT, BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO PROTECT THAT NEWBORN.
FRAW?
HE LOOKS KINDA STRANGE...?
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD SAY THAT
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU.
I bet he's going to object.
NO,
BUT I'VE ALSO DECIDED

I'LL BECOME STRONG, AND I WON'T LOSE TO YOU.
Frown
BECAUSE, IF I BECOME STRONGER, I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.
AND SOMEDAY, I'M SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU.

Tea break for the Seven Angels (4)
I'M COMING TO THE POINT.
YOU SHOULD STOP WORRYING ABOUT KIO WHEN HE'S HERE IN THE ANGELS WORLD.
DID YOU CALL ME HERE JUST TO TALK ABOUT THE PAST?
I DON'T THINK THIS ATMOSPHERE FITS THIS KIND OF CONVERSATION, THEN.
IT'S SOMETHING VERY SERIOUS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT.
WE NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE THE STRENGTH TO BECOME ONE OF THE SEVEN,
FRAW
Present Day

SINCE IT'S ABOUT KIO.
THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS DECIDED THAT HE MUST CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES ON EARTH FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER
BUT KIO'S ...!
EXCEL-LENT, I KNOW.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT THE FACT THAT HE ONLY FACES OFF WITH POWERFUL MANIFIS WOULD BE REASON ENOUGH TO DIRECT HIM TO A POSITION AMONG THE SEVEN?
YES
DON'T YOU FIND IT STRANGE THAT, DESPITE BEING ABLE TO USE FEATHER TECHNIQUES LIKE THAT, KIO HASN'T BEEN PROMOTED TO AN OFFICER YET?

WE DIDN'T ENTRUST HIM TO YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT...
YOU MUST HAVE NOTICED IT AS WELL, RIGHT?
KIO'S HAND...
THERE'S SOMETHING BEYOND
THAT NEWBORN INSIDE HIM?
YES, EXACTLY
...THE BRUISE ...?
JUST LIKE HOW KIO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT NEWBORN HIDDEN INSIDE HIM,
HE STILL THINKS THAT HIS BRUISE IS JUST A NORMAL ONE RIGHT?

Rustle
Rustle
THESE DARK CLOUDS...
AND HE'S CONVINCED THAT IT SPREADS QUICKER WHEN IT'S IN CONTACT WITH THE AIR
THAT'S NO BRUISE, BUT A SIGN
A SIGN ...?
IT WILL KEEP ON CHANGING SHAPES, AND WILL GRADUALLY SPREAD ONTO HIS WHOLE LEFT ARM
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD ITS MEANING YET, RIGHT?

...KIO IS...
SSssst

A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN RAIN FELL, MANIFIS APPEARED!
And that's the truth, too!
EH?!
WHY?
YOU, GO HOME!
RAIN.. I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.
I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND ALL THE PLANTS FOR THE ASSIGN-MENT.
BUT,
DO YOU MEAN MANIFIS WILL APPEAR? THAT'S JUST A RUMOR.
IT'S RAIN-ING. I'D BETTER GET BACK.
SSSL
IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK, JUST GO.
Eeek!
WHAT IS IT NOW?
BE... BEHIND YOU!

SFX: RAWWHR
M...
WHO BEARS THE FINAL FORM OF THIS "SIGN".
CURRENTLY, THERE'S ONLY ONE ANGEL!
SFX: SWISH

AND
THAT'S THE
ARCHANGEL.

THIS IS NO PLACE FOR YOU!
GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!!
KIO'S... AN ARCHANGEL?!
STEP BACK
KIO ?
WHEN IT FINALLY APPEARED AFTER TWO THOUSAND YEARS, WE WERE ALL SURPRISED AS WELL.
Slither
Slither
I'M YOUR OPPONENT!
BUT IT WILL STILL TAKE A LONG TIME BEFORE HE REACHES THAT STATE.

〈SFX: ROAR〉
HE WILL OVERCOME MANY MORE TRIALS,
AND HAVE MANY MORE EXPERIENCES.
HE WILL KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EARTH,
AND BECOME A GREAT BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY ALL ANGELS
KIO ...!
HE'S BEEN SWAL-LOWED!
SOMEONE LIKE HIM CAN'T DO IT!
YOU WILL NOT TOUCH ANY OTHER ANGELS!
〈SFX: GRAAAAH〉
〈SFX: BOOM〉
THERE ARE TOO MANY MANIFIS...!

AH!
LORD FRAW!
IT'S KIO, AS EXPECTED.
SWSH
FIVE LEFT.
HE'LL GET RID OF THEM QUICKLY.
PLEASE!
KIO WILL BE FINE ALONE...
WITH MANIFIS SUCH AS THESE.
EH ...?!

HE WILL BECOME EVEN STRONGER,
AND AFTER HE HAS FINISHED HIS LONG JOURNEY...
THE SIGN WILL ASSUME ITS FINAL FORM.
WHEN THAT TIME COMES,

KIO WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE ONE STANDING ABOVE ALL ANGELS.
〈SFX:SLAM〉

IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
ARE YOU HURT?
It disappeared
Good
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
NO!
EH.. AH..
BUT WE'LL KEEP IT A SECRET FROM KIO FOR THE TIME BEING

"AND ALSO..."
"BECAUSE WE ALL LOVED AND RESPECTED KIO EVEN BEFORE THAT SIGN APPEARED."
YOU... REMOVED YOUR BANDAGES TO FLY HERE?
EH... WELL, I WAS ABLE TO FLY SOMEHOW, AND...
SORRY... BUT THIS SORT OF THING IS RARE, AND...
THIS IS NO GOOD... I MADE HIM ANGRY AGAIN
KIO—
I'LL BEHAVE MYSELF FROM NOW ON!
SORRY SORRY SORRY
SHE'S...

...WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT, LOREIN?
JUST WHEN WE'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT, THEY MANAGE TO OPEN A "PATH" TO THE RED MOUNTAIN
AND FROM THE PRISON, TOO BUT THIS TIME IT'S NOT ZEHTA'S DOING
SEEING FRAW SO SURPRISED YET DELIGHTED WAS AMUSING.
Haha...
HE'S GOING TO CLING TO KIO EVEN MORE THAN BEFORE NOW.
IF THE SITUATION IN THE PRISON DOESN'T STABILIZE AS WELL, WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE
Ah, everything's settled on our side
Eh? He's not angry
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
THAT'S JUST WHO YOU ARE,
I KNEW IT, KIO IS AN EXTRA-ORDINARY ANGEL.
AND THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO CLING TO YOU

AND LOREIN,
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW FRAW TO ENTER THE ARCHANGEL ROOM HERE ...
AND MEET THE "ARCHANGEL"?

FOR GENERATIONS, THE ARCHANGEL HAS ALWAYS STAYED IN THIS ROOM.
We learned that from the history books.
BUT STILL, TO BE PASSING YOURSELF OFF AS ONE OF THE SEVEN BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE IT...
AS THE ARCHANGEL, YOU COULD ONLY SEE THE SEVEN ANGELS...
AND YOU BELIEVE THAT'S NOT HOW AN ARCHANGEL SHOULD BE, RIGHT?
Ehehh
Of course not!
ANY TIME WOULD DO
BUT IT'D HARDLY BE AS MUCH FUN TO SURPRISE HIM NOW.
Fwish

I WANT TO GET THAT WEIGHT OFF MY SHOULDERS QUICKLY TOO.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS SITUATION.
KIO'S FEATHER!
IT'S SIR KIO, RIGHT?
HOW DID YOU GET IT?
AH! HERE IT IS!
I PICKED IT UP THAT DAY --
YOU'RE SO LUCKY!
Wait! Let us touch it!
No! It's mine!
I want it too!
WE'RE SORRY, KIO—!

THANK GOD THEY DIDN'T HATE ME
IT'S ALL RIGHT, I WAS WRONG TOO
FROM NOW ON, I'LL COME HOME AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE
WE SAID MEAN THINGS ABOUT YOU—
BUT YOU NEVER CAME TO SEE HIS AT ALL...
And we were lonely
We really regret it so please forgive us—!
KIO... CAN'T REST AT ALL...
They come one after another to visit him.
Really—?
Sure!
EH?
EH? WHAT?
YEAH, I LIKE YOU TOO
I LIKE KIO A LOT!

EVEN IF I'M SURROUNDED BY THE SEVEN, I'LL AIM FOR THE TOP AS WELL.
FRAU HAS WORKED HARD AND OVERCOME MANY THINGS, TO A POINT WHERE EVERYONE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED HIM.
Silk? Ah, no, can't be.
Eh? I'm certain I heard it...
THE VOICE JUST NOW... WHO SAID THAT?!
Kio, are you sure you're all right?
IT'S VERY WARM, AND I FEEL QUITE AT EASE.
INSIDE KIO...

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Kio in the Angels World
1. Warm cloth.
Fluff
?
...
SHOULDN'T YOU SAY, "THEY WERE KIND ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM FOR ME" INSTEAD OF SAYING, "I HAD THESE MADE"?
THAT'S RIGHT, SORRY.
No matter how great you become
I HAD THESE MADE.
SINCE IT GOT COLD.
IS THAT NEW?
TO USE LORD FRAW'S FEATHERS TO MAKE CLOTH. IT'S SO...
In charge of the clothes
Clothing Office
I was so nervous but it was so nice.
It's warm, thanks.

2 I found ya
WHAT IS IT, JESSIE?
Next Day
IT'S SO EASY TO FIND KIO WHEN HE'S IN THE ANGELS WORLD

ARE YOUR INJURIES HEALED?
WELL, I CAN AT LEAST FLY NORMALLY.
And I finally got the permission to go out
YUTO
AH! KIO...
3. Friendly classmates
YOU'RE FIGHTING MANIFIS STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY A BIKE,
SO I WANT TO DO ALL I CAN FOR YOU
I HOPE IT'S CLOSE TO WHAT YOU WANTED
ALREADY?!
That was fast
clack
clack
IT'S DONE.
AND HOW'S MY BIKE?
EH?
Clack
THANK YOU!
Hug
Hey, check the actual thing before thanking me!
If it's a bike you want, I can.
Stop it. Look nice

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE HEARD IT "ALL", LORD FRAW.
...As expected.
YOU KNEW, KORUMA?
4. The one who watches from the shadows
I'VE BEEN TOLD NOT TO PROMOTE KIO TO AN OFFICER UNTIL LORD LOREIN SAYS IT'S OKAY
I MIGHT NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'VE BEEN CHIEF OF THE OFFICERS SINCE BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, YOU KNOW
I'VE ACKNOWL-EDGED HIM, TOO
BUT FOR NOW, ALL I CAN DO IS CAREFULLY WATCH OVER HIM.

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